

Media Advisory from the Oklahoma National Guard

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For the media.....

45th Infantry Brigade Combat Team Return

More than 500 Oklahoma Army National Guardsmen are scheduled to return from a year long deployment to Iraq, ***Monday, October, 13***. The Soldiers are the second group of more than 2,600 National Guardsmen who deployed last year in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

The Soldiers will arrive at Will Rogers Air National Guard Base located at 5624 Air Guard Drive and will be bussed to Southern Nazarene University's Sawyer Center where a brief welcome home ceremony will be held before the Soldiers are released to their families.

There will be no opportunity to interview Soldiers at Will Rogers Air National Guard Base prior to being bussed to the Sawyer Center; however there will be a brief opportunity to video and photograph Soldiers as they depart the airplane. Requests to cover the events at Will Rogers Air National Guard Base must be coordinated through the Oklahoma National Guard Office of Public Affairs.

The Oklahoma National Guard Office of Public Affairs will be operating the media center at the Sawyer Center. Please R.S.V.P. to Cheryl Thomas at (405) 228-5212 or Cheryl.Thomas4@us.army.mil with the name(s) of the media representatives you plan to send.

R.S.V.P. must be received by 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 12.

Returning Units:

Flight 1

UNIT: Company C, 1st Battalion, 180th Infantry

UNIT STATION: Ada

COMMUNITIES SOLDIERS ARE FROM: Ada and Holdenville

ARRIVAL TIME AT WILL ROGERS: approximately 6:45 a.m.

TIME OF CEREMONY: approximately 8:30 a.m.

Flight 2

UNIT: Company B, 1st Battalion, 179th Infantry

UNIT STATION: Alva

COMMUNITIES SOLDIERS ARE FROM: Alva and Woodward

ARRIVAL TIME AT WILL ROGERS: approximately 7:30 a.m.

TIME OF CEREMONY: approximately 8:30 a.m.

Flight 3

UNIT: 1120th Maintenance Company

UNIT STATION: Ada

COMMUNITIES SOLDIERS ARE FROM: Ada, Sulphur, Lawton, Frederick

ARRIVAL TIME AT WILL ROGERS: approximately 11:45 a.m.

TIME OF CEREMONY: approximately 12:30 p.m.

Flight 4

UNIT: Headquarters, Headquarters Detachment, 345th Corps Support Battalion

UNIT STATION: Ardmore

COMMUNITIES SOLDIERS ARE FROM: Ardmore area

ARRIVAL TIME AT WILL ROGERS: approximately 1:00 p.m.

TIME OF CEREMONY: approximately 2:00 p.m.